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Applicants: Akihiko Okubora
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.